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On 8 October 1953 the following commodity prices were in effect in Ongjin-gun (N 37-49, E 124-58) (XB-7387), Hwanghae Province.¹

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit²</u>	<u>Price in Won</u>
Rice (polished)	1 small mal.	550
Millet	1 small mal.	450
Beans (red)	1 small mal.	500
Beans (green)	1 small mal.	550
Wheat	1 small mal.	380
Barley	1 small mal.	350
Peas	1 small mal.	300
Pencils	1	50
Notebooks	1	50
Newspaper	25 sheets per month (1 year)	680
Newspaper	20 sheets per month (1 year)	500
Paper (sliding window)	20 sheets	350
Rubber shoes (black, men's)	1 pair	1,500

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Won</u>
Rubber shoes (black, women's)	1 pair	1,300
Rubber shoes (white, men's)	1 pair	2,000
Rubber shoes (white, women's)	1 pair	1,800
Socks	1 pair	250
Cigarettes (first quality)	1 package	150
Cigarettes (second quality)	1 package	80
Matches	1 package	20
Kerosene	4 hop	800
Soap (laundry)	1 bar	180
Cotton cloth	1 yard	200
Cotton cloth (wide)	1 yard	400
Diazine	1,000 tablets	20,000
Cow	1 head	20,000

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Comments

1. Prices are in North Korean won. For additional information concerning commodity prices in North Korea, see [REDACTED] 25X1A
2. The western equivalents of the Korean units of measurement used in this report are as follows: small mal, one quarter of a bushel or a little less than 15 pounds; hop, .3 pint.

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